Nixon Names Liaison to Hill

NEW YORK, Nov. 12—President-elect Richard M. Nixon today named a fomrer Eisenhower aide as his chief assistant for congressional relations.

Bryce N. Harlow, 52, was named assistant to the President, the first such designation in the new administration.

At a news conference here, Harlow said that the fact he was first designated did not mean he would be chief of staff. No one in the Nixon White House will have the title of "The Assistant to the President," which Sherman Adams held in the first Eisenhower Administration, Harlow said.

The President-elect, who returned here late Monday after a conference with the President in Washington, worked with his campaign staff today on transition problems.

Among the problems he is considering is the naming of a committee of experts to study the Federal budget in the transition period.

The committee may or may not include the man who eventually be designated budget director, an informed source said.

The President-elect was said to be determined to re-structure the White House staff into a more effective group without impinging on the authority of the Cabinet or the National Security Council.

Harlow said that "everyone of these jobs is an extension of the President—an instrument to be used as he wants it used."

When asked how he would get along with the Democratic congressional leaders, Harlow said he did not foresee "extreme difficulties for President Nixon in that regard."

Harlow said he was "quite optimistic" that on the basic issues a Republican President would be able to work well with a Democratic congress. After all, he recalled, President Eisenhower had a Democratic Congress for six years.

Ron Ziegler, a Nixon spokesman, announced Harlow's appointment and said that there would be others named with the same title. Top pay for a White House assistant is $30,000.

Informed sources said that the President-elect is nowhere near a decision on Cabinet appointments. Earlier, Nixon said he would make no Cabinet announcements until Dec. 5, despite some pressure on him to designate top officials as quickly as possible.

When the announcements are ready, they will be made one at a time, not the whole Cabinet at once, a Nixon aide said.

The President-elect is also believed eager to make some changes in the duties of the National Security Council staff, now headed by Walt W. Rostow. Just what restructuring would be done apparently has not been decided.

Ziegler announced that the President-elect, who worked at his Fifth Ave. apartment today, would have an office on the 39th floor of the Pierre Hotel. He has a corner office with bedroom and dining room adjoining. Nearby are offices for top staff assistants.

Harlow is a native of Oklahoma City and a graduate of the University of Oklahoma. He also has a master's degree in political science from Oklahoma.

In World War II, he served on the staff of Gen. George C. Marshall, handling Army relations with Congress. In the Eisenhower Administration, he was a deputy assistant in charge of congressional relations.

For the eight years, Harlow has been director of Governmental relations for Proctor & Gamble Co. He was on leave during the presidential campaign as an assistant to Nixon. His home is in Arlington, Va.